



## NOISE – Week 2

NOISE distracts from the message of the Gospel. The prophet Isaiah prophesies that God will send His messenger to the world to prepare the way for the coming Christ. Then, just before Jesus was born, the messenger John the Baptist is born. Throughout John's ministry there was much "noise" that distracted the people from hearing the message that would prepare them for the Savior of the world.

What about this season distracts you from preparing for the Savior of the world 1) in the celebration of His birth, 2) in preparing for his second coming?

Read Mark 1:1-8

1. How did Mark describe the gospel (v. 1)?
2. What prophecy did John fulfill (vs. 2-3)?
3. What might have made it difficult for the people around Jerusalem to hear the message pointing them to the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
4. John's baptism was a call to action, to leave sins behind, repent to get ready for the coming of Jesus. How is this different than the baptism of Jesus, that the disciples were doing (Matthew 3:11, Acts 19:1-5)?

It could be said that you, as a follower of Jesus, have the same responsibility as John, to prepare the way for the (second) coming of the Lord for those in your Jerusalem (community). Talk about that. Pray God's blessing on your life and our church toward that end.